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lived strictly up to her ideals; they would cease to be ideals if that were possible in the case of any people; but there is very little doubt that, taken collectively, the Chinese have got nearer to the spirit of their teaching than have the nations which have professed the m and indeed gloried in them as a part of something said to be better than mere philosophy. Crudely interpreted, this means an implication that the nations of Christendom have been more hypocritical, greater slaves to humanism, and we lack the courage necessary for an attempt to deny it. The preachers of the religion of peace have always shown a singular unanimity in ignoring the ideal when faced by everyday, practical issues; and have shamed for war with the basest of the hasty. There was the famous recent utterance of a Japanese nobleman that none of the arts of peace in Japan had brought that nation nearer to recognition as a civilised one; and that it was only when their ability to kill people was recognised that the nations tumbled over each other in their haste to welcome Japan into the first-class ranks. There is no glazing away of the meaning of that; it advertises in manner unmistakable how little those ideals really do affect us. Our ideals are academic, philosophic, ornamental, conventional, anything but politics for use in times of stress. China, on the other hand, may be said to have given them a very fair trial. There have been sporadic lapses, of course; even *Confucius* could "lose his temper" and it would have been interesting to study *Marcus Aurelius* with the toothache, pestered by an insurance agent; but on the whole, China has, as a nation, followed for a thousand years the line of least resistance, and on occasions, turned the other cheek. There is surely no necessity to indicate how her adherence to those ideals has "panned out." Neither materially nor spiritually can the Chinese be said to be advanced beyond the ordinary human nature which vents an expletive when its thumbnail is hit with a hammer. After a fair trial, China is going to revert to the methods of barbarism, the scientific, improved methods of barbarism which Christendom sends to the Far East along with its exponents of the anathemic ideals. Japan is frankly barbarian (in this connection). China sees that it has, paid her neighbour, and more than that, she hears the other barbarians singing praises of Japan for successful barbarism. Then where do we stand? We cling, wisely, to the methods of barbarism, and we cling, unwisely, to the conventional humbug that forbids us from admitting it. Sir Ian Hamilton, although he does not say so, sees that it is that humbug which prevents us as much as anything from reaping the full benefit of our practice. We are neither good fighters nor good peace-keepers. He does not suggest that the Japanese soldier is better in all respects than the British; but, after describing the desperate struggle made by a Japanese outpost of thirty-six men against a thousand Russians, he refers to the question of surrenders, with South Africa in his mind, and confesses that "*celeris paribus* the surrender type of army may expect to be handsomely thrashed by the no-surrender type whenever and wherever they may meet." Does it not seem fair to conclude that, if we exonerate (as we must) the "surrender type" from the suspicion of cowardice, we must regard the impossible ideals as the things that hamper and handicap them?

The Egyptian Budget shows a surplus of £500,000. Taxation amounting to £332,000 will be remitted.

The latest census in Siam puts the total population at something like 6,000,000.

The Singapore Government has introduced a Bill providing for the more adequate treatment of "beachcombers," who have become a great nuisance there.

The absence of Noel Murray's customary weekly sharp report from Shanghai is another indication of the state of things during the riot week.

The *Corriere Sisiliense* hears that a detachment of the British Far East fleet will shortly visit Saigon. A grand reception awaits the visitors, who are expected on the 20th January.

For over a year a German steamer has been doing a profitable trade on the coast of Amman. Now, chances of profit are growing less owing to the Japanese, who have been raiding the upper band. There ensued a fearful scene of outrage, carnage, and destruction of property, and since that time the city is said to be in a most unquiet condition.—*Japan Daily Mail*.

One of Mr. John Hays' first recorded pleadings at Shanghai, since his departure from Hongkong, was in connection with "the difficult question" whether the Chief Officer or the Chief Engineer of a steamer is the superior in rank. The case, one of assault, on the s.s. *Stepney*, was adjourned.

Monday, 22nd January, is mentioned as the date of the election to fill the two vacancies on the Sanitary Board.

The new battleship *Pommern*, built for the German navy, was launched at noon on Dec. 2 at the Vulcan yard.

The Associated Omnibus Co., Ltd. (1906), has issued £50,000 worth of five per cent. first mortgage debentures at par for the purchase of motor omnibuses.

M. Rabard, French Consul-General at Shanghai, has returned to his post. He and Mme. Rabard have been spending a holiday in Europe.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, advising the Filipino reformers to be patient, said:—"I have told you what good people our republicans are, but I have laboured 10 years without making any impression on them."

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place quietly in January, between Sir Walter Hillier, K.C.M.G., C.B., and Marion, daughter of the late Sir Charles H. Atchison, K.C.S.I., and of Lady Atchison, of St. Christopher's, Oxford.

Mrs. A. P. Blunt, W. B. Cunningham, P. G. Garton, L. M. King, G. P. Paton, R. S. Pratt, E. C. Schaefer, E. A. H. Stry, L. Brewitt-Taylor, and W. P. W. Turner have been appointed student interpreters in His Majesty's Consular Service in China, Japan, and Siam.

The Times of Dec. 2 announced:—"Orders have been given for the flag of Vice-Adm. Sir A. W. Moore, who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in the China Station in succession to Adm. Sir G. Noel, to be hoisted in the *President* on the 6th last and struck at sunset the same day. The *King Alfred*, cruiser, Capt. G. D. Granville, is to convey the new Commander-in-Chief to China."

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The year that has just closed has been from the political, economical, and financial points of view as momentous as any in the annals of the City of Rams. It has seen the end of the trouble-some Kwangsi rebellion and the restoration of order in that turbulent province. Important works have been undertaken, amongst which the removal of the obstructive barriers and other dangers to navigation on the Canton River, and the extensive reclamation works carried on both by the Government and private concerns rank among the most useful from the public point of view. Canton city has undergone a remarkable change within the past year. The introduction of foreign caps and uniforms through the influence of the Japanese, and the tendency acquired by landlords to build semi-foreign style houses are fast transforming the general aspect of this remarkable town. The city is slowly losing its pure native colour and one only hopes that its evil smell will soon be lost too. From the administrative point of view, useful reforms have been introduced, amongst the most efficient of which the new police system takes first rank. The furtherance of educational matters and an attempt at sanitation are also marked features amongst recent innovations.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND TIBET.

Reuter's Agency understands that the Tashi Lama of Tibet will, on the invitation of the Government, visit India, and in all probability will meet the Prince and Princess of Wales in Calcutta. The importance of this event is beyond question: The Tashi Lama, whose place of residence is Shigatse, became on the departure of the Dalai Lama, from Lhasa a spiritual head of the Buddhist Church, and is regarded by his coreligionists with the greatest reverence. He has always displayed a friendly attitude towards the Indian Government.

When Captain O'Connor visited him at Shigatse in October, 1904, while the British

Mission was at Lhasa, he met with a very cordial reception from the Tashi Lama, who dwelt on the friendly relations existing between the Indian Government and his own predecessor, and expressed his entire approval of the Convention which was subsequently signed by Colonel Younghusband and the Tibetan

representatives at Lhasa.—*Times*.

Signs are not wanting that the awakening of

China has commenced, at any rate at this end of

the Empire. The Japanese, who benefited for

a time through the prestige they gained by their

victory, and who had so carefully sown the

seeds of discontent, are the first to feel the

force of the patriotic and anti-foreign winds, the

most powerful of which is the *Chinaman* for the

Chinese, and but for his extraordinary severity, would undoubtedly be a very popular man.

It is a well-known fact that his relations with

the representatives of the different Powers here

have been far from cordial. Sickness is a

grave disease, and the much-disposed

yellow peril may eventually turn out to be some-

thing more than a bogie. The boycott is as

active as ever and the day is perhaps not far

distant when a general boycott against the rest

of the world will be the order of the day.

TELEGRAAMS.

[BRIEFER'S SERVICE.]

FRANCE.

LONDON, 2nd January.
At the New Year reception at the Elysee, M. Tornielle, on behalf of the diplomats, voiced the satisfaction given by the Russo-Japanese peace, and the advance made in the international peace movement. President Loubet, concurring in these remarks, said that he drew the most favourable conclusions from the peaceful dispositions of the world.

THE "TIMES" ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE CHINESE ARMY.

LONDON, 2nd January.
The *Times*, discussing in two exhaustive articles by its military correspondent, Yuan Shih Kai's army, which is warmly praised for its excellence in training and discipline, describes a scheme for increasing the army to 432,000 men, and remarks that this would relieve the powers of all further anxiety for the integrity and independence of the Chinese Empire.

THE ANTI-TEA DUTY LEAGUE.

LONDON, 2nd January.
The anti-tea duty league is already conducting a lavish non-partisan election campaign by means of posters, and has now issued a strongly argued general appeal.

THE ELECTIONS.

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The *Times* calculates that the Liberals must win 76 seats in order to defeat the Unionists unaided, or 117 to confront a possible Unionist and Nationalist combination.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PRIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE VALUE OF A SIGNBOARD.

Re Wing Chan Wai Kee firm *ex parte*. Lam Hang Chung, Mr. d'Almada o Castro (of Messrs. Brattin, Hett and Goldring) appeared for the petitioning creditors. The petition, he said, stated that the firm carried on business at 22 Circular Pathway as lard dealers. They owed \$500 due on a promissory note, the act of bankruptcy being a notice of suspension of payment of debts issued by the firm. An interim receiving order was made on the application of the creditor and granted on the ground that some of the creditors had entered the premises and started removing the goods of the debtors.

His Lordship (referring to the petition)—What does good-will mean?

Mr. d'Almada—The signboard and name.

His Lordship—A signboard is not worth much.

Mr. d'Almada—The Chinese value it. One signboard was recently sold for \$500.

His Lordship—Is it an emblem of good-will?

Mr. d'Almada—There was another sold for \$27.00.

The application was granted.

CHUN LA MING *ex parte* LAM SHUN MAN.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, appearing for the petitioning creditor, said an arrangement had been made with the creditors, by which his client's claim had been secured and he now wished to withdraw his application.

His Lordship—Tell us something about the arrangement.

Mr. Holmes—I am not in a position to do so, my Lord.

His Lordship—That is not sufficient to withdraw it.

Mr. Dixon—I appear for one of the creditors and was not aware of this arrangement. I am sure my client would not agree to this arrangement. Would your Lordship allow it to stand over?

His Lordship—Yes. Directly you come into bankruptcy you must take your chance.

Mr. Holmes—I may say that I have seen a signature by the Chinese creditors.

His Lordship—It must stand over. The other creditors must have an opportunity of appearing.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (CIVIL JUDGE).

BREAKING A SUBMARINE CABLE.

The hearing was resumed of the action in which the China and Japan Electric and Telephone Co., Ltd., claimed \$1,000 from the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., being the amount of damage sustained by the plaintiff company by the breaking of their submarine cable in the harbour by the defendants' steamer *Rubi*.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. G. C. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), appeared for the plaintiff company, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. B. Deacon (of Messrs. Deacon Lander and Deacon), represented the defendant company.

The witnesses called yesterday were Mr. W. L. Carter, manager of the plaintiff company, who gave evidence of the damage and that the amount paid for repair was considerably more than the amount claimed; Mr. F. G. Figg of the Observatory, who spoke of the weather at the time of the occurrence; Mr. A. Webb, engineer in the employ of Messrs. M. Donald and Co., who declared he would only raise anchor in a typhoon, with half his boilers not working, under protest; and Captain Christie, who did not consider the *Rubi* should have gone to her buoy in the condition that she was, but that she should have called a tug and proceeded to a safe anchorage.

Mr. Pollock, addressing his Lordship, said that there was no evidence of negligence to be submitted to the jury, because in the first place there was no doubt the *Rubi* had dropped her anchor somewhere off North Point on August 30th at 12.30. What was substantially alleged was that she dropped her anchor on plaintiff's cable. Assuming that she dropped her anchor inside the cable area and that as a result she broke the Company's cable, the first fact of dropping her anchor there could not be said to be negligence. As his Lordship knew, the mere fact that damage was done either by a ship or by a horse that ran away or by anything moving which belonged to defendants did not entitle the plaintiff to recover, and the plaintiff's legal adviser had not taken the proper view when they had put in their claim the allegation of negligence. They submitted that there was no evidence of such neglect. They knew from the evidence that there certainly were gales of wind at 12.30 on August 30th, accompanied by rain. It was true plaintiffs' witnesses were not disposed to admit there was as much density of rain as mentioned in the defendants' statement. Still they knew there were that morning overcast skies, with rain and squalls of wind. The question to be submitted to the jury was whether having regard to the circumstances the *Rubi* was negligent in dropping her anchor where she did. The plaintiffs' suggestion of what they ought to have done took them back to the afternoon of the 29th. They suggested that defendants ought to have been towed to a place of safety on that afternoon. Another allegation was that they ought to have been towed away or steamed away by daylight next morning. All this vista of possibilities was laid before them by the plaintiffs. In considering that, one was forcibly reminded of the observation which was made in the case of a horse bolting and doing damage at home.

The learned judge said in the course of his judgment "Of course if you are going to take us back and back, if the horse and carriage had not left the mows, the accident would not have occurred at all."

His Lordship—Well, the horse went off on its own action. A steamboat could not do that.

Mr. Pollock, continuing, said they might argue that if the cable had not been there it would not have been damaged by the anchor, and if the *Rubi* had not been in Hongkong, and had she been in Manila, there would not have been any damage done. He submitted that a line must be drawn somewhere. Defendants would never be able to escape from the charge of negligence if his friend's arguments were upheld. He submitted that the whole question the jury had to consider was what took place between leaving the buoy at 11.35 and when she dropped her anchor. Plaintiffs were practically trying to make defendants insurers of the safety of their cable. In conclusion, Mr. Pollock said there was no case of negligence to go to a jury and judgment should therefore be given for defendants without calling a witness for the defence.

His Lordship did not agree with this view and said the jury having heard one side should hear the other.

Mr. Pollock then addressed the jury, indicating the case for the defendants. He stated there was no neglect on the part of the captain of the *Rubi* in weighing anchor in the circumstances. A curious suggestion had been made by a very positive witness the previous day, Mr. Webb, that a ship like the *Rubi* with only one of her two boilers going must be treated as partially disabled. That was most remarkable evidence, but he would be able to call evidence that the *Rubi* herself had actually gone all the way to Manila with one boiler and that an old vessel, the *Pearl*, had gone both ways with one boiler. He would also be able to show the jury that considerable pressure could be kept up with only one boiler. Of course, witness his bearings were not reliable.

Witness did not at any time think they were in the cable ground.

W. G. Lawson said in August last he was acting as Chief Officer on the ss. *Rubi*. He had been six and a half years on the China coast, and had had a master's certificate for twelve years. About 11.50 on the morning of the 30th August the *Rubi* left her buoy at Hung Hom, and proceeded towards Kowloon Bay. On the way they struck a severe squall, and dropped the port anchor for a few minutes. When the squall cleared away they hove up, the engines were put ahead, and the *Rubi* proceeded. Then a second squall came up with very thick rain, which was coming down so severe that witness could not face it. About ten minutes after it came on the captain ordered him to let go the anchors, which he did. The ship was sheering all the time, and the engines were being kept slowly ahead to keep the strain off the cables. The ship did not drag at all. Witness hove short on both anchors, and then took up the starboard. Afterwards he hove up the port anchor, and found a piece of cable on it. At the time of the second squall, witness could not see ten feet ahead. Dropping the anchors in such a case was a prudent thing to do, as otherwise they might have drifted down on a steamer which was lying on their starboard quarter. Witness was previously in the *Rubi* when she had only one boiler and went from Hongkong to Manila at a speed of ten knots an hour.

Cross-examined—He could not explain how it was that the typhoon signal hoisted at 7.30 a.m. was not seen for two hours. They were all busy on the decks at the time. The telephone cable was not pulling at their anchor. It was not true that their anchor was pulled out at the bow by the telephone cable. The piece of cable produced showed that it had been cut on the one side and broken on the other. He did not feel any shock when it was brought up.

Captain Almond spoke to having sailed one of the Company's old ships to and from Manila with only one boiler in use. The average speed to Manila was 7.3 and the return journey nine knots. He had commanded the *Rubi* since she was launched at Glasgow, but he was home on leave last year.

The hearing was again adjourned.

ANTI-TEA DUTY LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Council of the Anti-Tea Duty League was held at the league's offices, London, when Sir West Ridgway presided. During the past few months the league has addressed nearly 500 Parliamentary candidates, exclusive of members who are going to stand for their constituencies again, as to their views on the question of the reduction of the existing duty on tea, and in reply has received an almost universal expression of sympathy with the object of the league, whilst more than half the candidates have pledged themselves to support any measure for the remission of the war duty of 2d. per pound (which is still being levied on tea) in the event of their being returned to Parliament. At the meeting the league's plan of campaign for agitation during the general election was discussed and decided upon. There will be a renewal of the propaganda on lines somewhat similar to those employed last spring. Arrangements have been made to post the heralds not only of London, but of several provincial cities and towns, with a striking pictorial appeal to the electors in general, and for the distribution in various constituencies of the league's literature dealing with the taxation of tea. A recrudescence of the hoarding display which attracted so much attention early in the year may be expected during the month preceding polling day at the elections.

One way and another everything's jolly odd. I mean, we're all such frauds. We all say things we don't mean, and do things we don't believe in, and play Old Harry generally with honesty. Boys, it's quite amazing.—"Brum-mel" in *The World*.

POLICE COURT.

Thursday, 4th January.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED LARCENY OF A WATCH.

David Hamilton, a stoker on H. M. S. *Alacrity*, was charged with the larceny of a watch from East Street on Wednesday night.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, stating that he paid \$1.50 for the watch.

Complainant stated that defendant entered his shop on the evening in question and asked to be shown some watches. He was handed the one before the court, and ran away with it.

P. C. 103 said he saw the defendant running eastward along Queen's Road on Wednesday night. He stopped him and asked what was wrong. Defendant said a lot of Chinese struck him in East Street, and he was trying to get away from them. The complainant then came up and charged Hamilton with the theft of the watch. Defendant said he was holding the watch in his hand when the Chinese struck him, and he ran away. He paid \$1.50 for the article.

P. W. Porter, seaman on H. M. S. *Hogue*, was called for the defence. He said he met the defendant at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the Naval Cant-en. They stayed there until about 6.15 p.m. and then journeyed down to East Street. The defendant went into complainant's shop, and bargained for the watch in question, but as he could not make a bargain, left and returned later, when he beat the defendant down to \$1.50 from \$4. The shopkeeper wished to see the money, and Hamilton pulled out a handful and put some twenty cent pieces on the counter. The complainant said some of the money was bad, and the defendant denied it. An argument followed, during which a crowd of Chinese gathered around, and witness next saw the defendant running down the street, with the complainant in pursuit. He could not say whether defendant took the money away.

The defendant stated that while arguing about the bad money a Chinaman gave him a "crack on the jaw" from behind. The crowd looking round he saw a crowd, and "went for all he was worth." The defendant said that while arguing about the bad money a Chinaman gave him a "crack on the jaw" from behind. The crowd looking round he saw a crowd, and "went for all he was worth."

His Worship said that according to the story for the defence there was actually a sale, and as he was inclined to believe that story he found that there could not be any larceny. The defendant would therefore be discharged.

ANOTHER ROGUE'S ACT.

Hendry Sudriek, of H. M. S. *Arrow*, was charged with the larceny of a small camphor-wood box from a shop in Queen's Road.

Defendant denied the charge. He said he was married man with a wife and child, and was bearing the blame of "another rogue," who put the box in his hands.

The case was adjourned.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

BREACH OF MORPHINE ORDINANCE.

Inspector Collett charged Lam Fat and Liu Yau with a breach of the Morphine Ordinance by administering morphine not having been prescribed by a medical practitioner.

They were convicted and each ordered to pay a fine of \$20, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Considerable time was occupied in hearing a charge of larceny preferred against Chan Fung, who was accused of stealing gold bangles, diamond rings, jades, stones, gold chains and other jewellery to the total value of \$856.50 from Yik Tong Cheung, of 91 Hollywood Road, on December 25th. A man and another woman were charged with receiving the articles, knowing them to have been stolen.

The case for the prosecution was that when complainant missed the jewellery on the night in question he ran after the first defendant, raised the alarm that burglars had been in the house. A witness stated that the first defendant came to her and asked her to keep some jewelry for her.

The case was adjourned.

IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF SIR HALIFAX MACARTNEY.

COUNSELLOR OF SIX CHINESE MINISTERS. His Excellency Wong Ta-hsi, the new Chinese Minister at the Court of St. James, who is now in America, will arrive in London some time before Christmas to relieve the retiring Minister, Chang, and to take up his residence at the Legation in Portland Place.

A very important and interesting event hangs on this change, for so soon as the ex-Minister and his successor shall have obtained an audience of the King, Sir Halifax Macartney, who since 1876 has served the Chinese Government as Chinese Counsellor and Secretary to its representatives in Portland Place, will retire from that important office.

Sir Halifax Macartney is seventy-two years of age. He was formerly a surgeon in the Army, and served in the Chinese War (1860) and in the war against the Taipings. He was for some time director of the Imperial Arsenal at Nanking, and came to England in 1876 with Kwo, who became first Chinese Minister in this country—first, indeed, in Europe. He has been the Counsellor of six successive Ministers. He received his K.C.M.G. in 1885, and he is a Knight Grand-Cross, Imperial Order of the Double Dragon of China. It is not likely that any successor in office will be appointed to him.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 4th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen over E. Japan, and fallen over the Loo-hoos and Formosa.

A shallow area of low pressure appears to be lying over the Pacific to the South of the Loo-hoos, and the belt of high pressure lies now over the Lower Yangtze and S. Japan.

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Care of H. & S. BANK,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1906. [152]

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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THE GENERAL STAFF.

much does not appear to agree with our recent correspondence concerning this matter; and the military correspondent of the *Times*, far from regarding it as tinkering, hails it as a decided reform. He says:—In his minute of November 11 addressed to the Chief of the General Staff, the Secretary of State for War enumerates the general principles which have been laid down by the Army Council to govern the future activities of that most important body of officers of whom Sir Neville Lyttelton is the titular chief. He then offers his best congratulations to Mr. Arnold-Forster and the Army Council, first for having discovered common ground upon which they can all take their stand, and next for having, as he hopes, immortalized themselves by a serious and statesmanlike attempt to graft upon the somewhat rebel British stem the greatest product of the school of Moltke. With the eight conclusions at which the Army Council arrived on August 9 last he is in cordial agreement, and he further hopes and believes that the "considerations set forth in the Secretary of State's minute will confirm themselves to the judgment and intelligence of the Army and the nation.

That the manner of this announcement may not be entirely pleasing to some quarters of the War Office must be allowed, but the matter is of such infinitely greater importance than the manner that it would be hypocritical to dwell upon this point, and the only serious defect to be discovered in the Secretary of State's minute is the absence of all reference to India and the Indian Army. This defect may, and it is to be trusted will, be remedied by some further announcement; all that need be said now is that no General Staff system can be satisfactory which has not fully considered the special needs of India and has not been framed after collaboration with the best military advice at the disposal of the Government of India and the India Office.

The principles adopted by the Army Council and embodied in the Secretary of State's minute will tend, if wisely and firmly carried out in practice, to attract to the General Staff the best men in the Army; to create in course of time settled policy and settled discipline; to prevent the initiation of important and costly experiments, and to provide the country with that aristocracy of talent, independent of birth, influence, or means, which is absolutely indispensable for success in modern war. The writer concludes with a hope that the Army will not allow petty rivalries and ambitions to interfere with or mar the future success of a great work which, while safeguarding all legitimate interests and ambitions, is essentially directed towards the attainment of a national aim of the highest importance to the Army and the country.

that the Selection Board of General officers, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, will be consulted, and their advice followed, in the preliminary step. The Army Council includes a civilian element, and this body is not consequently competent as a whole to decide between the conflicting claims of a number of meritorious officers whereas the decision of the Selection Board will inspire universal confidence.

On the other hand it is perfectly legitimate that subsequent first appointments to the General Staff should be retained in the hands of the Chief of the General Staff. His office has not yet secured the pre-eminence of the War Office to which it is entitled, and to which the corresponding office at the Admiralty has attained. The Chief of the General Staff should be *prima inter pares*, and the Secretary of War has recognized, and rightly recognized, that "ultimately the position of the Chief of the General Staff will become so important that in order to secure continuity of tenure and ideas, it may be necessary to extend his tenure of office beyond that laid down in the present Regulations." That, in effect, is the principle which has done so much for the success of the German General Staff. If we cannot for the moment go further than Mr. Arnold-Forster has suggested, we can keep our eyes fixed on the ultimate goal, remembering that continuity of policy and the establishment of settled doctrines in relation to defence cannot be guaranteed unless there is greater promise of permanence attaching to the post of Chief of the General Staff. But it is also true that we must first catch our Moltke before we pick him, and a really great Chief of the General Staff, endowed with the tact, experience, ability, and, if necessary, ruthlessness, required for the fulfilment of such an enormous task, and rendering him worthy of the confidence in the exercise of his functions through a long term of years, is not to be discovered without diligent search.

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CHINESE IN AMERICA.

PRACTICALLY NO EXCLUSION NOW.

It is becoming apparent that something radical must be done if general demobilization of the Chinese exclusion system is to be prevented, says a Washington despatch. The President's views of some weeks ago have frightened the immigration inspectors to such an extent that arrests of Chinese are now very infrequent, and the officials of the Bureau of Immigration declare that the law is being violated with impunity. Inspectors dare not make arrests in some cases for fear of mistaking high-class Chinese for coolies, which fact, if discovered, they fear would result in their instant dismissal under the President's order. Accordingly, they prefer to wink at violations of the law rather than run the risk of losing positions.

The Chinese have discovered this state of affairs and are taking advantage of it. In certain districts not far from Washington recently a Chinese under arrest span upon the immigration inspector and said: "The Chinese Minister will take care of you; you better go slow."

It is reported at the Bureau here that a certain United States Judge in deciding a case of unlawful entry said that the evidence clearly proved the Chinese in question were unlawfully in the United States, but he proposed to take his case in ordering them to be deported. The result was a practical nullification of the law.

Power Chinese have been deported since the President's order than in any equal period. The Chinese exclusion law was enacted and practically every Chinese claiming to be of the excepted classes has been permitted to remain. The officials of the Immigration Bureau admit that this would hardly have been the case if the law had been strictly observed.

It is understood that Secretary Metcalf is greatly concerned over this lax enforcement of the law and will bring the matter up at a cabinet meeting. While the inspectors throughout the country have no warrant for believing that the Administration is trying to wink at the evasion of the law, something must be done to reassure them that if they do enforce the law without fear or favour they will not lose their own heads.

Inquiry among the Congressmen who are arriving from all parts of the country indicates that there will be no action whatever by Congress on the Chinese Exclusion Law. They are unanimous in the opinion that the law as it stands is all right and must be enforced. They regard the talk of Chinese boycott as a mere bluff and are inclined to resent the suggestions for modifying the law.

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DEATH OF CAMERON OF LOCHIEL.

The death occurred on Nov. 30, of Cameron of Lochiel, at his residence, Achnacarry, Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire.

Donald Cameron of Lochiel was one of the finest examples of the 19th century Highland chief. He made no theatrical attempt to keep up feudal state, though he habitually wore the kilt, but he recognized to the full the peculiar responsibilities imposed on the modern Highland laird by his ancestors' characteristic relations to dependants and tacksmen, now represented by servants and crofters. In sentiment he was Caledonian and Jacobite through and through, and he took a lively and active interest in everything Highland, as well as in the affairs of his county and his own people, who were deeply attached to him. Born in 1833, he was educated at Harrow, and decided at first to follow a diplomatic career, in which there every reason to suppose he would have done. He entered the service in 1852 and, after a short apprenticeship at minor European Courts, had the good fortune to be attached to Lord Elgin's 1857 mission to China. His father died in 1859, and, having retired from the Diplomatic Service, Lochiel in 1868 entered Parliament as Conservative member for Inverness-shire. This seat he held until the extinction of the franchise in 1885, when the overwhelming victory of Mr. Fraser-Mackintosh at the general election justified the old member's previous retirement. During his long tenure of the seat he had only once to fight for it—namely, in 1880, when he beat his Liberal opponent, Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Gairloch, by 29 votes. Lochiel was a useful rather than a particularly distinguished member of Parliament, but he justified his selection to serve on Lord Napier's Crofters Commission of 1883-4, on whose report the Crofters Act was founded. An equally important post was that of *Admiral-in-Waiting* to Queen Victoria, which he held from 1874 to 1880. On the occasion of the opening of a Jacobite exhibition in Inverness in 1883, when, in company with Lord Lovat, he received the freedom of the capital of the Highlands, Lochiel gave to the world some extremely interesting reminiscences of his intimate association with the peninsula of his late Majesty. If ever there was a Jacobite, he said, Queen Victoria was one. She took the keenest interest in everything connected with the lost cause. Prince Charlie's adventures, and kindred subjects. When he was in attendance she hardly ever spoke to him without alluding to the scenery of Highland Jacobitism or some kindred topic. There was, he added, a statue of the Duke of Cumberland at Windsor; it was rather overgrown with weeds, and he never heard of the gardener being taken to task for neglect on that head. Those reminiscences which did no wrong to the late Queen, were evidently characteristic of the late chief, whose Jacobitism was sentimentally sincere and enthusiastic. It was hereditary, of course, for ancestors of his, chiefs of the Clan Cameron, had taken a prominent part in every Scottish rising for the Stuarts, from the Revolution down. The Donald Cameron of Lochiel who played so notable a rôle at Culloden escaped to France, and was there given the command of the regiment of Albany.

On retiring from Parliament the late chief devoted himself energetically to local affairs. He received the Lord Lieutenantcy of Inverness-shire on the death of the late Lord Lovat, and he was convenor of the county council from its institution, and proved himself an excellent chairman. It will, indeed, be admitted by his peers that he was in every respect an example to them all. He married Lady Margaret Elizabeth, second daughter of the fifth Duke of Buccleuch, and is succeeded in the chieftainship of Cameron and the Lochiel estate by his son, Captain Donald, who served in the Boer war, first with his regiment, the Grenadier Guards, and afterwards with Lovat's Scouts.

A CALENDRIAL COINCIDENCE.

A correspondent of the *Straits Times* writes:—Can any Anglo-Chinese scholar kindly inform me how it is that Christmas Day always either falls on the third day after the Chinese New Year or the fourth day, when there is an intercalary month in the Chinese year?

In 1903 there was an extra fifth month in the Chinese year, and Tungchek fell on 2nd December.

In 1904 and 1905 fell on 22nd December.

Next year there will be an intercalary fourth month, and it will be on 23rd December.

Xmas is known to the old Malacca Babas as the Portuguese New Year and there is a saying which runs as follows:—

Tiga angat har lepas Tungchek (the Hockien pronunciation for Tungchek) *taon bahru Sejan* i.e. three or four days after Tungchek comes Xmas.

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COREAN FATALISM.

The Korean equivalent for "Kismet" is "Unsu." A writer in the *Scotsman* asserts that the Coreans are fatalists, and believe that the destinies of men. He cannot be propitiated, he cannot be argued with, he cannot be bribed, he is impulsive, irresponsible, beyond the range of reason, ever swaying on with all mortals entangled in his train. A few rise with him, but most fall. "The other day, on a walk by the city wall," continues the writer, "I saw a man sitting at the wayside smoking a long pipe. We fell into conversation and touched on politics. 'The whole business,' says he, 'is politics.' There is no use of complaining," and he proceeded to puff. In one sense it is a comforting thought, as it relieves a man from all sense of responsibility or sorrow over past failures. "Unsu" explains everything, and all men so hear and so understand it. A belief in the fatal law of Corea's soul. If I fall in business it is 'Unsu.' If I am dirty and miserable it is 'Unsu.' If the State falls no one is to blame, for no man can withstand

it.

ENTOMBED IN AN INGOT OF STEEL.

At Midvale on Nov. 19 a forty-ton steel ingot permeated with the blood and bones of two workmen was buried with the solemn rites of the Roman Catholic Church. The workmen who were so strangely laid away were John Forkin and Joseph Gadsden, two foreign-speaking labourers, who met a horrible death. They were in a pit near a capsule containing 80,000 pounds of molten steel. A plug gave way and the fiery fluid poured from the capsule and overwhelmed them. The men were completely incinerated, and not a trace of them or their clothing was left.

The Midvale Steel Company was averse to selling the steel or using it, and it was decided to bury it with the rites of the church to which the unfortunate men had belonged. Accordingly, the forty-ton ingot, oval in shape, 28 feet long, 6 feet wide and 5 feet thick, was moved last week by a travelling crane to the rear of the machine shop, where a grave ten feet deep had been made. The great mass of metal was laid in the hole and a platform built over it, so that the burial services could be better performed.

A great crowd sought admission to the works, but only two sisters of Gadsden, who depended upon him for support, and about 100 workmen who were on Sunday duty, were permitted to attend the services along with the officials of the company. All heads were bared and flags were lowered to half staff while two priests conducted the services. After the sisters of Gadsden had been laid away the great ingot was covered with earth and the funeral party dispersed. The grave of the men will be appropriately marked by the company.

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ARRIVALS.

AMIGO, German str., 322, J. Iverson, 4th
Jan., Hainan 31st Dec. and Hollow
2nd Jan., Rice and General, Johnson & Co.
CHANGHOU, British steamer, 4th Jan., from
Canton.
DAIGI MARU, Japanese str., 357, Togomi, 4th
January.—Tamsu via Amoy and Swatow
31st Dec., Osaka Shosho Kaijin
PAUSANG, British str., 1110, F. Wheeler, 3rd
January, Sourabaya 25th Dec., Sugar
Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FERNANDEZ HERMANS, American str., 400,
Oriental 31st Jan., Manila 1st Jan., Sugar
Gibb, Livingston & Co.
HAWKES, British str., G. A. J. Robson, 4th
January.—Swatow 3rd January, General,
Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HELLE, German str., 900, J. Jessen, 4th
Jan., Swatow 3rd Jan., General—Johnson
& Co.
LOONGMOON, German str., 1,245, Kadohara, 4th
Jan., Shanghai 31st Dec., Rice, Sioens
son & Co.
MONADNOCK, American cruiser, Capt. Mahan,
3rd January, from Canton.
NIPPON MARU, Japanese str., 3072, W. W.
Greene, 4th Jan., Yokohama 27th Dec.,
Mail and General—Toyo Kisen Kaijin
SHANSHU, British steamer, 4th January, from
Canton.
TAIWAN, British str., 2,200, J. Dawson, 3rd
Jan., Melbourne 2nd December, General,
—Butterfield & Swire.
TELEMACHUS, British str., 1,310, Williamson,
4th Jan.—Saigon 29th Dec., Mail, &c.—
Chidiock.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
4th January.
Amano, British str., for Swatow.
Helene, German str., for Hollow.
Penasco, British str., for Shanghai.
Lorenzino, German str., for Canton.
Tydene, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

4th January.
ANPING MARU, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
BOURBON, French str., for Saigon.
CHIULI, British str., for Nagasaki.
CRANLEY, British str., for Chinkwan.
HANGZHOU, British str., for Hainan.
HOKKIUNG, German str., for Hainan.
HUNGKONG, French str., for Shantou.
INDIEMARU, British str., for Kwangtung.
KAMPFUL, French str., for Kwangtung.
PATRICIUS, British str., for Shanghai.
ROON, German str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The Japanese str., *Daiji Maru* reports:
Moderate N.E. monsoon.
The British str., *Helene* reports: Light
N.W. wind, cloudy and hazy.
The British str., *Penasco* reports: Strong
N.E. monsoon and high sea, dark overcast rainy
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The British str., *Tydene* reports: Fine
overcast to Manila, heavy monsoon and sea
crossing China Sea.

The British str., *Fairway* reports: Fine
weather to Calcutta; from there to port encountered
strong N.E. winds with heavy high sea.
The Japanese str., *Nippon Maru* reports: good
weather.

The British str., *Taquin* reports: Fine
weather to Manila, heavy monsoon and sea
crossing China Sea.

The British str., *Fairway* reports: Fine
weather to Calcutta; from there to port encountered
strong N.E. winds with heavy high sea.

The Japanese str., *Nippon Maru* reports: good
weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & RIG	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESTACHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PALMA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Cockman, R.N.D.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th inst.
LONDON, &c., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	STENTOR	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	SAINT BRIE	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th Feb.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ANTENOR	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th Feb.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ERNEST SIMONS	Front str.	—			On 9th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLENURQUHAN	Brit. str.	1 m.			About 16th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, ANTWERP (DIRECT)	KOUNG S.	Front str.	—			About 7th inst.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	GENESENAU	Ger. str.	—			On 17th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMURIA	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 17th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRIGANTI	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	EPHEMANT	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 10th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SPERIA	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 21st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SARDIA	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 12th Mar.
ODESSA DIRECT	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.			About 12th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	PARKING	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 20th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ATHOLL	Brit. str.	—			On 50th Feb.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	HUDSON	Brit. str.	—			About 12th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	J. Burnett	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 15th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 19th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	SHAWNU	Am. str.	—			On 24th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 24th inst.
DAKOTA	DAKOTA	Am. str.	—			On 24th inst.
DAKOTA	PRINZ WILHELM	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
EMPIRE	CHINTU	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
SUMATRA	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
TAIWAN	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
KOBE	KOBE	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
CHIFOO	CHIFOO	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHANGCHOW	Ger. str.	k.w.			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	REHENANIA	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHOYSANG	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	YUCHOW	Ger. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
SHANGHAI	LOONGMOON	Front str.	—			On 27th inst.
CALEDONIAN	CALEDONIAN	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
TRIUMPH	TRIUMPH	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
HANGSANG	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
ARCADIA	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
ANPING MARU	JAPAN	Jap. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—			On 27th inst.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—			On 27th inst.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PRITHIJOE	Ger. str.	2 m.			On 27th inst.
SWATOW	HAIMON	Brit. str.	2 m.			On 27th inst.
MANILA	HAICHING	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
CEBU & ILOILO	ZAPIRO	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
ZAMBOANGA, JOLO & SANDAKAN, &c.	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	1 m.			On 27th inst.
SAMARANG & SOURABAYA	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—			On 27th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FAUSANG	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	ABRAZOON—APCAR	Brit. str.	—			On 27th inst.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—			On 27th inst.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OPAC"	On 23rd January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 24th January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 30th January.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 6th February.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 13th February.	

HOMEWARDS.

STEAMERS	STEAMERS	STEAMERS	STEAMERS
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	On 16th January.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 20th January.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	On 30th January.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	On 13th February.	
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 20th February.	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 27th February.	

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STEAMERS	STEAMERS	STEAMERS
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO HAMA	"NINGCHOW"	On 24th January.

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STEAMERS	STEAMERS	STEAMERS
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST	"PINGSUEY"	On 26th January.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	"CHANGCHOW"	On 5th January.	
CHIPOO	"SHANSI"	On 5th January.	
SHANGHAI	"YOCHOW"	On 8th January.	
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 9th January.	
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	On 9th January.	
CEBU and ILOIO	"KAIFONG"	On 11th January.	
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAGANS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 16th January.	
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1905.

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STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA and SHANGHAI	SUMATRA	About 7th	Freight and Passage.
	E. W. Bruce	January	
LONDON and ANTWERP	PALMA	About 7th	Freight only.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID	G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	January	Freight only.
and MARSEILLES			
LONDON & C. VIA USUAL PORTS	DELTA	Noon, 13th	See Special of Call.
	C. L. Daniel	January	Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	ARCADIA	About 13th	Freight and Passage.
For further Particulars, apply to	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.		

Hongkong, 1st January, 1906.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer:	Tons.	Captain:	Sailing Date.
SHAWMUT	9,606	E. V. Roberts	Saturday, January 27th

Cargo only.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Caledonian* with the French mail of the 8th December, 1905, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 2nd January, at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 3rd Jan., at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 4th November, 1905.

The Pillar Box (No. 1) at Victoria Gap Tram Station, will be cleared at 8.25 a.m., 12.25 p.m. and 4.35 p.m. instead of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on weekdays, and 8.25 a.m. on Sunday instead of 9 a.m.

A Special Collection will be made at 10.25 a.m. to catch the Mail for Europe by English French and German packets.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per s.s. *Wingchai*, on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8.00 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHUI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 5.00 p.m.

Mails for NAMTO, SANBUE, *KONOMON, *KUMOHOK, *SAMSHUI, and *WUCHOW are closed every weekday at 5 p.m. On Sunday the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PM	DATE
Shanghai		
Changchow		Friday, 5th, 9.00 A.M.
Calcutta		Friday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Moji		Friday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow		Friday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Others		Friday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Hongkong		Friday, 5th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe		Friday, 5th
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO		(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents)
China		
Heungshon		Friday, 5th, 1.15 P.M.
Shah Jahan		Friday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanxi		Friday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Yunnan		Friday, 5th, 3.00 P.M.
Hangchow		Friday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.
Kobischang		Friday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy		Friday, 5th, 5.00 P.M.
Borneo		Saturday, 6th, 11.00 A.M.
India		Saturday, 6th, 1.15 P.M.
Hongkong		Saturday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Chongming		Saturday, 6th, 2.00 P.M.
Horching		Saturday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Daih Maru		Saturday, 6th, 5.00 P.M.
Yochow		Monday, 8th, 3.00 P.M.
Prinz Waldemar		Tuesday, 9th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tunicorin		
(late between 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Kobie		
Shanghai		
Manila		
Yokohama and Kobe		

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

ON LONDON.—	4th January.
Telegraphic Transfer	20/-
Bank Bills, on demand	20/-
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	20/-
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	21/-
Credits, at 4 months' sight	21/-
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	21/-
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	258
Credits, at 4 months' sight	262/-
ON GERMANY.—	210
On demand	
Bank Bills, on demand	50
Credits, 60 days' sight	50/-
ON BOMBAY.—	152/-
Telegraphic Transfer	
Bank, on demand	153/-
ON CALCUTTA.—	152/-
Telegraphic Transfer	
Bank, on demand	153/-
ON SHANGHAI.—	714
Bank, at sight	724
Private, 30 days' sight	724
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand
Bank, on demand	10/-
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand
Bank, on demand	6/- p.c.p.m.
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand
Bank, on demand	12/-
ON HONGKONG.—	On demand
Bank, on demand	1 p.m.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand
Bank, on demand	1 p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	On demand
Bank's Buying Rate	9.70
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	9.70
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	51.70
BA SILVER, per oz.	30

OPIUM.

3rd January.	
Quotations are—	Allowance not to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$1020 to — per pound.
Malwa Old	\$1050 to — "
Malwa V. Old	\$1100 to — "
Persian fine quality	\$1150 to — "
Persian extra fine	\$1250 to — "
Pain New	\$160 to — per chest.
Pain Old	\$150 to — "
Banaras New	\$22/- to — "
Banaras Old	\$10/- to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. str. *Doric* will sail from Yokohama on the 29th Dec. for Hongkong via Macau. She is expected to arrive here on the 10th Jan.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. *Caledonian* left Singapore on Tuesday, the 2nd Jan. at 11 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Tuesday, the 26th Dec., a.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE G.M. str. *Isidore* left Singapore for this port on the 30th Dec. at noon.

The British str. *St. George*, with a cargo of coal, left Moji on the 1st Jan. for this port, and is due here to-morrow.

The G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar*, from Japan, is due here on or about Sunday, a.m.

The J.-C. J. Lin str. *Tsimshai* left Kobe via Swatow and Amoy for this port on the 23rd Dec., and may be expected here on the 8th Jan.

The Indo-China str. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore on the 3rd Jan., at 6 p.m.

The G.S. & C.M. chartered str. *Saint Bede* left Singapore on the 2nd Jan. and is due here on the 11th Jan.

The C.P.R. str. *Athenian* arrived at Yokohama at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 31st Dec., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at midnight on Wednesday, the 3rd Jan.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 4th January.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100, buyers
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shantung	\$125	\$86 1/2, sales London, 4/6 3
National B. of China	25	\$85, buyers
Hell's Asbestos E. A.	128, 000	\$7
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$9, sellers & dealers
China Provident	\$10	\$9
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	100	Th. 14
Hongkong	100	\$10, \$13
International	75	Th. 40
Lau Kong Mow	100	Th. 53
Soyoch	500	Th. 200
Dairy Farm	50	\$10, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
Farnham, B. & Co.	100	Th. 127, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & Co.	500	\$108
H. & W. Dock	500	\$104
New Army Dock	100	\$17
S. and H. Wharf	100	Th. 210, buyers
Fenwick & Co., Guo	25	\$24
G. Island Cement	100	\$228, sellers
Hongkong & C. Co.	100	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Electric	100	\$100, buyers
H. New	100	\$104, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	100	\$20
Hongkong Hotel	150	\$104, sellers
Hongkong Ice Co.	25	\$235
Hongkong Ice Co.	500	\$162
H'ong S. Waterfront	100	\$10, sellers
Insurances—		
Canton	100	\$115, sellers
China Fire	20	Buyers
China Traders	200	\$107, buyers
Hongkong Fire	100	\$100, sellers
North China	20	Th. 90
Union	100	\$171, buyers
Yangtze	100	\$150
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	\$124, buyers
Humphry's Estate	10	\$104, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	80	\$10, buyers & buy.
Shanghai Land	60	Th. 120
West Point Building	50	sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	250	\$400
Raubs	18/10	\$75, buyers
Philippines Co.	10	\$6, buyers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	100	\$200
Luzon Sugar	100	\$25, buyers
Shipowners Companies		
China and Manilla	25	\$20, sales
Douglas Steamer	500	\$100, buyers
H. Canton & M.	15	\$24
Indo-China S. Co.	200	sellers
Shell Transport Co.	21	24, sellers
Do. Indra	20	25, 108
Star Ferry	40	\$10
Do. New	35	\$22, sellers
Shanghai & Ningpo	50	\$50
South China M. Co.	25	\$20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	55	\$7, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	10	\$36
Powell & Co., Wm.	10	\$104
Watkins	10	\$6, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	10	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos	8	\$4
Do. Founders	10	\$160
VEENON & SMYTH, Brokers.		

MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN.

Aspern, cruiser, 2437 tons, 20 guns, 7300 h.p., Capt. Friedrich Grünberger, Singapore

Kaisser Elisabeth, cruiser, 4900 tons, 29 guns, 8000 h.p., Capt. Mirti, Singapore

Kaiser Franz Josef I., Austrian cruiser, 5,000 tons, Capt. Ferdinand Bulbly, Shanghai

FRENCH.

Acheron, armoured gunboat, 1796 tons, 10 guns 1700 h.p., Lieut. Forst, Saigon

Argus, gunboat, 123 tons, — guns, 500 h.p., Lieut. Jeannel, Canton